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My love: —

When I arrived home to-night it was to find your big letter awaiting me. Eagerly I tore it open to find out the result of your case, Joe, sweet heart — my all, — I can't describe to you how I feel — I can't — it seems as though an aching heart and oceans and oceans of tears are all there is left of me. If only I could cry away your lonesome and

makes me wretched. You must come home this summer, - of that I am convinced and my precious Joe - if you think that because I didn't consent to go Jersey was a sign of any doubts in my mind as to my love for you - then we shall be married when you come home. But, Joe, I can't do it secretly - at least not unless you actually and truly want me to - and you know how I feel about it. Never have I done anything secretly and this would

disappointment - if only I could talk to you and soothe you - if only I could assure you of my sincere and devout love for you - if only I could - but pen and paper is the only way I can convey and prove to you, Joe, how sincere I am in my love for you. It is hard for me to write on paper the deep and true love that my heart holds for you - but it is there just the same - waiting for you. And that you feel as you do

cause me unhappiness. I would
feel as though I had done wrong
done something underhanded - and
Joe, this is not in my disposition.
Before I go any further - I must
ask your sweetheart, my Joe -
to understand me - that this is
no sign of any lack of love for you -
understand me Joe - because I
am full of tears and sorrow and I
could not stand any doubt in your
mind. When we are married I want
to be happy - so happy that I

want everyone to know - to
be so heavenly happy that I
shan't be afraid to show it - I do
not want to conceal anything - nothing
We want to start our happiness
with frankness and openheartedness
My love, can't you see that it
is because of ~~my~~ deep, ideal love
for you that I hesitates? Don't you
realize that I want long and wish
for you just as much as you do for me?
and that it is just as hard for me
to pass day and day pass without

I read your letter this became firmer and firmer fixed in my mind. If we are married in summer, I would love to take the State Board in Tenn. and practice there. Do you think I could get a position there in a hospital or dispensary? I shall have experience, you know, that link and I feel confident of myself. I shan't say a word until I hear from you — what do you think of the idea? Tell me.

And why do you tear my heart a sight or a word spoken from you? Don't you understand Joe that I am engaged to you — no one else has any charm to me but you. That you are lonesome and alone, Joe, just cuts me to the heart. My love, I am sorry, so sorry. I want you to make more friends — to enjoy your spare time — I want most of all to make you happy.

Until I hear from you, I shan't say a word of this plan. As

to pieces by talking of war? War! I hate it! Joe, I don't want to hear your name unless I share it with you. Your name and you a "dead hero" – Joe, – why do you write like that? Please don't – you hurt and crush me so – when you do.

You mustn't discourage or feel disappointed over the case. If you do not realize as big a sum as you expected — forget it. I don't want you to feel that I am disappointed I am not – I am only proud of you – my Joe and future husband. The case means more to you than money. You have make a footing for yourself – and you have proven yourself competent in a big case. You should feel proud and happy! Money is not everything. And as for your "friend", well — one has to take people as they find them – you can't make them over. Simply act wise and cautiously with them – but I

love, love you so much my dear
lawyer husband man. Now,
do you believe me — are you
convinced?

I must wait patiently until
wednesday — to-morrow I expect
there will be no mail — well, I'll
be patient and hoping and praying
that my Joe is satisfied with
his fee. Not only do I pray for
you every night — but my heart
should'nt advise you to break
with him. You have been taught
your lesson, he has proven him-
self in his true colors — you
just act accordingly. That is
the best way. I guess one must
be a diplomat to get along —
And don't discourage — mind! —
that is the worst that could hap-
pen And always remember when
you do feel lonesome, disap-
pointed and blue that I love

just calls it out every time I think of you. You are coming home for the summer, I know — Something will happen to make it so. And if Mr. Cohen will do for you what you expect he will, then you need have no worry or loss. And I am sure he is a good person and will do this for you.

Write me immediately and tell me how you are feeling now, for I shall be in suspense until I hear from you. A million kisses and all, all my love. Your wife to be Frances